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April 17, 2006

The Honorable Ken Bennett  
President  
Arizona State Senate  
1700 West Washington Street  
Senate Office Building  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1425: emergency confiscation of firearms; prohibition

Dear President Bennett:

I am a strong supporter of the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and firmly believe in the rights of all Americans to bear arms. Nevertheless, today I vetoed Senate Bill 1425, which would have prohibited the imposition of *any* restrictions on the possession, transfer, sale, transport, carrying, storage, display or use of firearms or ammunition during a state of emergency declared by the governor.

Let me be clear: it is not my intent or goal ever to take away a law abiding person's firearm during a state of emergency. But the proposed addition of the new subsection (J) to A.R.S. § 26-303 simply goes too far. It addresses a problem that does not and never has existed in Arizona. Indeed, the bill is predicated on an incident that occurred in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Subsection (J) is much broader than the Katrina incident and would have serious consequences in Arizona. For example, it would prohibit the governor or the National Guard adjutant general from ordering the movement of a store of ammunition away from the path of a forest fire. As such, this bill as drafted is not in the best interest of Arizonans -- including lawful gun owners.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", followed by a horizontal line.  
Janet Napolitano  
Governor

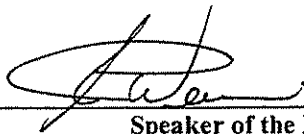
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cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers  
The Honorable Dean Martin

Passed the House April 6, 20 06,

by the following vote: 45 Ayes,

12 Nays, 3 Not Voting



Speaker of the House

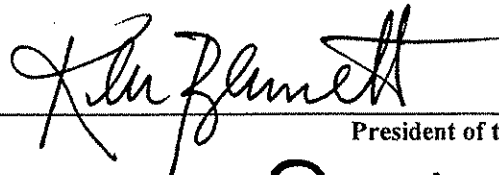


Chief Clerk of the House

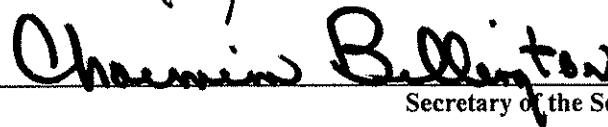
Passed the Senate March 6, 20 06,

by the following vote: 25 Ayes,

3 Nays, 2 Not Voting



President of the Senate



Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

11th day of April, 2006

at 2:06 o'clock P. M.



Secretary to the Governor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of Arizona

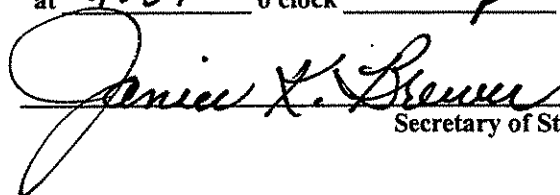
S.B. 1425

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 17 day of April, 2006

at 4:51 o'clock P. M.



Secretary of State